

**Washington, DC** – U.S. Congressman Ciro D. Rodriguez (TX-23) announced affordable housing grants for San Antonio and Dimmit County issued through the national NeighborWorks America program.

The **Neighborhood Housing Services of San Antonio, Inc.** has been awarded **\$50,000** in funding to revitalize and promote affordable housing. The **Neighborhood Housing Services of Dimmit County, Inc.** has been awarded **\$23,500** for the same purpose.

The funding will help slow the incidence of foreclosure, promote homeownership opportunities for families and produce and manage high-quality rental properties – all of which will strengthen neighborhoods and revitalize communities.

**“This organization, created by Congress in 1978, is doing great work in helping to keep people from losing their homes and helping others achieve the American dream of owning a home,”** Congressman Rodriguez said. **“While this work is always important, NeighborWorks America’s programs are especially needed during times of economic distress. I applaud the program and am proud to announce this funding for San Antonio and Dimmit County.”**

According to Ken Wade, NeighborWorks America CEO, every federal dollar that goes to the program generates \$35 in investment in communities, resulting in a direct investment of nearly \$4 billion in distressed American communities in 2009.

**“We are grateful to Congress and our private, philanthropic and public partners, who make the work of the NeighborWorks network possible, particularly NeighborWorks’ foreclosure prevention efforts,”** Wade said in a news release. **“Although no one organization or sector can resolve the foreclosure crisis and re-stabilize communities, NeighborWorks America is making a significant contribution to this effort because of the support from Congress and our partners.”**

NeighborWorks America is a national, non-profit organization created by Congress to provide

financial support, technical assistance and training for community-based revitalization efforts.

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